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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Water Right 77-14325 (Variety Excursions, LLC)

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Wed, May 29, 2019 at 2:49 PM

To: Craig Johnson <cjohnson@blm.gov>, Bryce Bohn <bbohn@blm.gov>

Cc: Gary Madenford <gmadenford@blm.gov>, Sandra McCrea <smccrea@blm.gov>

Craig,

I just heard back from Fish & Game on the counter-offer.

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From: **Bassista, Tom** <thomas.bassista@idfg.idaho.gov>

Date: Wed, May 29, 2019 at 1:37 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Water Right 77-14325 (Variety Excursions, LLC)

To: Price, Fredric <fwprice@blm.gov>Cc: Bosworth, Bill <bill.bosworth@idfg.idaho.gov>, Poole, Walt <walt.poole@idfg.idaho.gov>

Dear Fred,

IDFG still maintains and recommends the original offer by BLM.

Original Offer by BLM:

- diversion limited to 50% of available flow up to 5.5 cfs (2,000 AFY) in application and;
- 1 cfs minimum bypass flow.

A constant (year-round) minimum stream flow of 0.5-0.75 would likely have negative effects on the aquatic biota of the stream segment proposed for flow alteration. Seasonal flow variation is needed to help maintain stream health, especially during the high-flow, runoff period.

Good luck during your next pre-hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Bassista

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On Mon, Mar 25, 2019 at 3:52 PM Price, Fredric <fwprice@blm.gov> wrote:

Tom,

RE: Flows for Settlement of BLM Protest: 77-14325 (Variety Excursions, LLC)

Can F&G provide a reaction/response/opinion about whether or not terms and conditions on any approved permit as to flows could reasonably be less than the original flow conditions provided by F&G and DEQ?

Original Offer by BLM:

- diversion limited to 50% of available flow up to 5.5 cfs (2,000 AFY) in application and;
- 1 cfs minimum bypass flow.

Counter Offer by Applicant:

- divert all flows except a constant 0.75 cfs to be left in stream; and
- 0.5 cfs minimum bypass flow.

Our fish/hydro guys are concerned that the applicant's counter offer would not be sufficiently protective.

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